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Press Release

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A Public Open House will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2013, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria at Norman High School located at 911 W. Main Street in Norman, Oklahoma. Parking is available on both the south and east sides of the school that will offer good access to the cafeteria. This meeting is being held as part of the public information phase for the City's first Comprehensive Transportation Plan. Currently, the Project Team, led by Freese and Nichols of Dallas, Texas, is near the end of an information gathering and assessment process that will form the backbone of this very important planning effort for the City of Norman. Part of this information gathering and assessment process involves a series of five meetings with four modal sub-committees. The four modal sub-committees include:

- Automobile Capacity and Quality of Service and Parking
- Pedestrian and Bicycle Mobility and Safety and Streetscape
- Transit Capacity and Quality of Service
- Freight Movement, Airports, Emergency Response

To date, a total of five sub-committee meetings have been completed addressing such issues as Goals and Objectives, Transportation Conditions, and Transportation Needs as well as one Public Open House. Part of the Public Open House will be to bring the report to the community of the Comprehensive Transportation Planning process, to provide an update as to progress made, to provide a look into what remains to be done, to outline continuing elements in the public participation process, and to receive formal input from citizens. The Comprehensive Transportation Plan will help guide the City's growth and development across all modes of transportation for the next twenty years.

The City's Project Team includes citizen sub-committees, Freese and Nichols (Dallas, Texas), Garver, LLC (Norman, Oklahoma), Alliance Transportation Group (Dallas, Texas), and city staff. The Open House will be structured to give citizens an opportunity to ask general questions of the team or city staff. This will be followed by a formal presentation by the Freese and Nichols team regarding the process and then a series of modal discussion groups where citizens will have an opportunity to interact with members from the various modal sub-committees as well as an opportunity to dialogue regarding specific modal issues. The evening will conclude with a reporting back as to the various discussion and issues raised during the modal break-out sessions. The Freese and Nichols team will host this public forum along with city staff. Citizens are cordially invited to attend.

Please contact Mr. David Riesland, City Traffic Engineer, at 405-329-0528 or david.riesland@normanok.gov if you have additional questions.